

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Patent Application of	)	<b>MAIL STOP RCE</b>
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Yong-Li Ruan et al.	)	Group Art Unit: 1638
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Application No.: 10/003,405	)	Examiner: RUSSELL KALLIS
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Filed: December 6, 2001	)	Confirmation No.: 5391
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For: MODIFICATION OF SUCROSE	)	
SYNTHASE GENE EXPRESSION IN	)	
PLANT TISSUE AND USES	)	
THEREFOR	)	

**Amendment and Reply  
Accompanying a Request For Continued Examination  
Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 8, 2006, please amend the above-identified patent application as indicated on the subsequent pages.

This paper is timely filed, because a Notice of Appeal was filed on March 8, 2007, the period for filing an Appeal Brief having been extended five months to October, 8, 2007 by the accompanying petition for extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136, and October 8, 2007 having been a holiday in the United States Patent and Trademark Office.

The Director is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fees that may be required by this paper, for the extension of time, and request for continued examination, and to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 02-4800.